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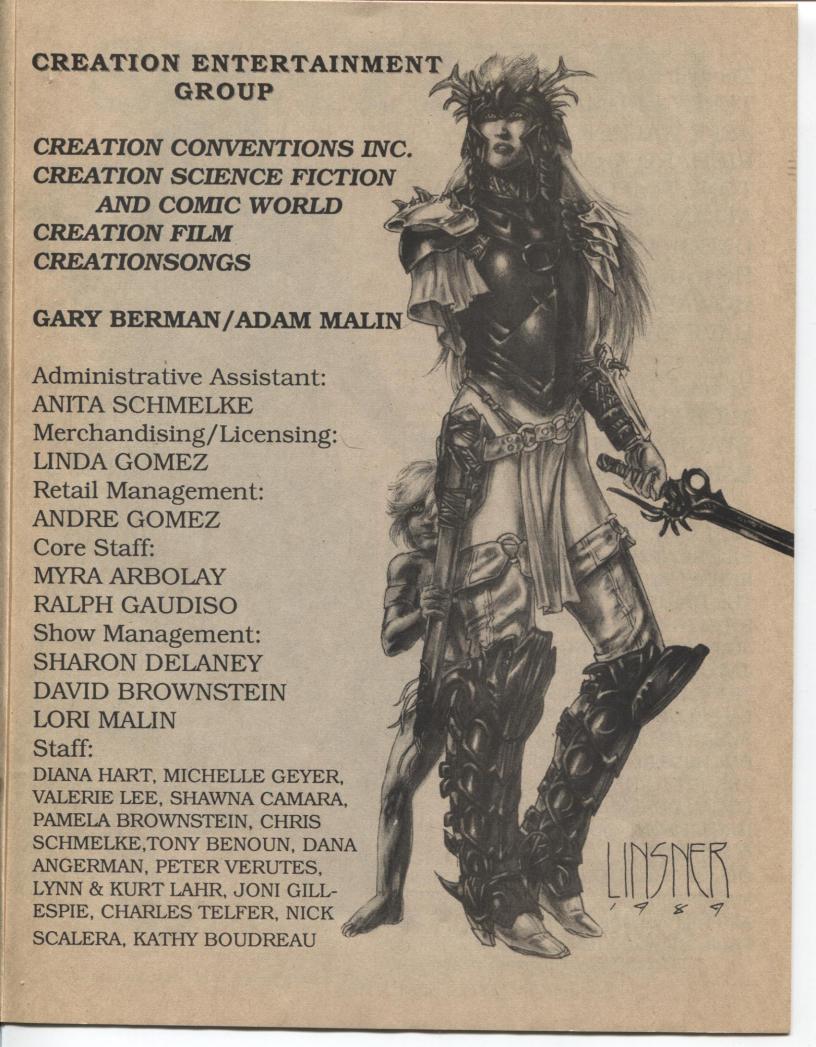
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### SHATNER!

#### THE CREATION/ WILLIAM SHATNER STAR TREK 5 PROMOTIONAL TOUR

by Adam Malin

We started working with Bill Shatner a couple of years ago, first with a thrilling engagement in Los Angeles (his first convention appearance in a decade), then last year with three engagements on the West Coast as a warm-up to his coming directing of Star Trek 5. The 1988 gigs were, in Bill's words, "to test the waters and see how deep they run". Bill was extremely concerned that he be as prepared as possible for the job, and he wanted to get feedback from all of us his most ardent fans and supporters. Having gotten out into the fan marketplace, he was very in touch with what our hopes were for the fifth film, and he set to work over the next year readying his mammoth project.



I won't get into the nitty gritty of the arduous job he faced, the triumphs and frustrations that he and the entire cast and production crew) experienced as they worked that Herculean undertaking. Many great articles, and a fine book by his daughter Lisabeth, all elaborate on the trials and tribulations involved in number 5's production. I leave that to public record. Instead, share with me this behind the scenes travelog of the promotional tour that Creation undertook with Bill once he had (more or less) finished production on the film. It was time to hit the convention circuit to promote his new film. Little did any of us know how events would proceed.

Bill's assistant Mary Jo is a great person. Bur-

dened with so much coordinating-type duties during this period, she still found the time to work out a tour schedule and all its details with us. The art and science of presenting Shatner around the country is itself an enormous undertaking. Hundreds of details were involved in setting up and implementing the tour. Security-how to make him accessible to the fans without creating Beatlestype hysteria. The venue- only spacious and gracious facilities would do. We were out to impress everyone- Bill, our audience, Paramount ... and do it without going broke! My preliminary canvassing of properties just confirmed, to our horror, that this would indeed be an extravagant project. We didn't care. We were as caught up in the excitement of the anticipation of Star Trek 5 as everyone else. This was a part of history.

Ultimately several beautiful sites were selected. We kicked off the tour May 6-7 in our beloved New York City, at the Penta, our NY home away from home. Everyone was flush with excitement as we brought Bill on each day to thunderous hordes of adoring friends and fans. Several highlights...he had generously donated several unique props that we were to auction off, for several excellent charities. Little did we know that ultimately we would raise close to \$20000.00 for a variety of environmental and social funds. My partner Gary, a fabulous auctioneer, was able to get incredible bids from our audiences for these unique treasures, which included several set mock-ups from Trek 5architectural renderings in cardboard that mapped out design specifications/measurements for the carpenters that would be building the full size sets. We had a palatial suite set up for Bill at a certain NY luxury property, and we were discreet enough to keep him safely ensconced there without incident. From the luxury of his suite, to the gross bowels of the Penta-service corridors 70 years old, smelly kitchens with food squashed all over the floors-Bill moved through it all with equal aplomb. We were delighted to have his wife, Marcy, with us for a good part of the tour, and she and the Shatner clan seemed able to move in and out of the performances smoothly (to our relief).

The volume of the New York crowd surprised even us- New York came out in style for big Bill.

With the hotel obviously having dealt with major VIPs, the Hilton's staff was well equipped to deal with Bill's appearance. It was less than a month before Trek 5's release.



Every year we hold "The Star Trek Celebration" in Los Angeles in June. Many of you folks travel from all over the world to attend this annual "pilgrimage" and we like to think of this event as our gift to both our international audience and to Gene Roddenberry, that great Galactic Bird from whence the entire phenomenon of Star Trek first sprang forth( and now, miraculously, for a second time!). It is an annual labor of love into which we pack as many of the faces, both on and off screen, from Star Trek as we can get ahold of. This year was to be something even more special, with the release of Trek 5 one week away and ST:TNG ascendant in popularity and ratings. The weekend proceeded beautifully, building to a fever pitch on Sunday with Bill's appearance directly preceding Gene Roddenberry's ( out of respect for Gene, we have traditionally presented him at the end of the show. as a sort of "valedictory" close to the show; his speeches are the stuff of legend, touching on the trials and tribulations of humankind as well as Trekdom, and are often controversial-never dull!)

Once again Bill delivered an incredible performance. He touched on some hilarious stories. The story of Leonard Nimoy's bicycle is so great, I will briefly re-cap it, at the risk of being redundant to those of you who have heard this. Basically, during the filming of the original Trek series, Leonard had a bicycle which he would leave by the sound stage, so that when lunch time hit, he could jump on his bike and hightail it over to the Paramount commisary quickly. This would assure him of being first on line for lunch, giving him first grabs at the food, then giving him extra time afterwards to catch a nap or relax before the afternoon's shoot. Of course, this situation irritated Bill no end, and he did some diabolical things to poor Leonard. First he chained the bike to some concrete and threw away the key to the lock. Leonard did not find this amusing. "Who did this? Was it you, Bill? It was you, wasn't it, Bill?!" Bill of course would look at Leonard like the humble innocent lad who had secretly eaten the pie! Anyway, the next day, come lunchtime, Leonard went looking for his bike, and it was nowhere to be found. Bill had hidden it in his dressing room! Leonard said to Bill, "Alright, Bill, knock it off. This isn't funny! Where's my bike?!" So Bill tells Leonard, "Leonard, I put it in my dressing room for safe keeping. I didn't want someone to make off with it." So Leonard headed over to Bill's dressing room. However, Bill had failed to mention that he had his Doberman Pinschers with him, in the dressing room! From off in the distance, one could hear dogs howling and barking ravenously and the sound of a piercing scream as Leonard ran for his life! Finally, the next day, Bill snatched Leonard's bike and hoisted it up into the rafters of the soundstage, hanging it way up high. Leonard could not find his bicycle. He was royally upset. "Bill, this has gone too far. I want my bicycle, and I want it now! Give it to me, NOW!" Bill put his arm around Leonard and said, coyly, pointing up to the rafters, "Leonard, look up to the stars!"

Stories like that brought out the wonderfully human personna that shatters the macho myths behind the man. And watching Gene come on stage, seeing the two of them celebrate their triumph, was a moment not to be forgotten. The stage was now set for the release of Star Trek 5. Unfortunately, BATMAN was released two weeks later, as well as a host of others in a film field too crowded for its own good. Ultimately, Trek 5 would be inundated under the volume of the other entries.

We hit San Francisco July 1-2, at the gorgeous

Meridien Hotel. This venue had worked famously for us a couple years earlier when we hosted Leonard up there. This time several members of the Shatner clan made the trip up, and a great time was had by all. Star Trek 5 was now in release and everyone was talking about it. While by and large it satisfied its loyal following, a surprising number of fans had problems with the film, and certainly its timing for release was a mistake. For myself, the Yosemite sequences alone were worth the ticket price. Bill spoke alot about the location shooting they had done, and was understandably proud of the fact that they brought the film in on time and on budget. He seemed to be anxious about the film's "legs", and justifiably- Batman's humongous hype and success seemed to overshadow Trek's release. Nonetheless, a fine time was had by all.

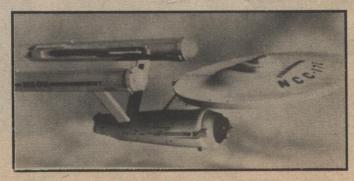


The final weekend of the tour was to be the most challenging. We had concocted a wild plan to bring Bill to not one, but TWO cities in that same weekend! Bill approached this unique situation like a kid in a candy shop- he was very excited! So was I, and I was to accompany him back and forth between the two venues( Minneapolis and Detroit). We began on Saturday with an early performance in Minneapolis, where he was received to thunderous applause. The length of his presentations had expanded, and by Sunday he was averaging between 1+1/2 to 2 hours per performance. In his desire to max out the charity money we were collecting, he did something unique to the entire tour: after going off stage, he took photos with fans and signed autographs, and we collected an additional \$5000 in contributions! From Minneapolis we were bound for Detroit, however we had about an hour to kill before flight time, so we went to a secluded lake not far from the hotel site. Obviously an affluent area, we were impressed with the gorgeous lakefront properties spread graciously around. It was hot-about 90 degrees.



Bill starts stripping down his clothes, saying "I want to go running!" So I tell him, "You can't run, you'll get all sweaty and tacky in those fine threads you're wearing!" So we just walked the lake, but he was chomping at the bit. Obviously the guy works hard to stay in shape, and it would have been a privilege to work out with him. I've had some incredible runs with George Takei (but, thankfully, that's another story), but visions of Kirk working out in the Enterprise gym haunted me! Anyway, we made our flight and got to Detroit uneventfully, where once again Bill was welcomed to standing ovation. The Dearborn Civic Center, while not cosmetically impressive, worked well and Bill seemed pleased. Saturday night we stayed over in Detroit, and Sunday he did the same procedure in reverse-Detroit early in the day, and then a flight back to Minneapolis for his final appearance of the tour. He went a full two hours on this one, demonstrating to the audience why and how he remains one of the world's most beloved and renowned entertainers.

Indeed, Bill Shatner and the character that has shadowed his career-Kirk- have probably risen to almost modern mythological proportions. And what's wrong with a modern day Hero? Just like all of you, my family and I grew up watching his incredible exploits, the trail of beautiful alien women, the galactic challenges that he always rose to. Kirk inspired us. And William Shatner does the same. It was one of our greatest privileges ever to host his convention promotional tour. We all had a GREAT TIME!







# CREATION CALENDAR 1990

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#### 1990

BOSTON
JANUARY 6-7,1990
SHERATON HOTEL
Annual STAR TREK,
COMICS, CLASSIC TV,
MULTIMEDIA
CONVENTION.
tentative guests GEORGE
TAKE, YVONNE CRAIG
(BATGIRL). and JIM STARLIN (Marvel Comics). PLUS
JONATHAN HARRIS (Dr.
Smith of Lost in Space)

ANAHEIM
JANUARY 6-7
STAR TREK, COMICS, SCI FI
MEDIA:

guests so far: MARK
VERHEIDEN (Aliens) and
MIKE ZECK (Punisher),
MARK LENARD (STAR
TREK), DEAN STOCKWELL
(QUANTUM LEAP), RICHARD
CHAVES (WAR OF THE
WORLDS). Other guests to
be announced.
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TACOMA, WASH
JANUARY 6-7
Sheraton Hotel
Last time was great! With
JONATHAN (RIKER)
FRAKES

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON STATE JANUARY 6-7 GUEST NICHELLE NICHOLS RED LION HOTEL

> NEW HAVEN JANUARY 13-14 PARK PLAZA HOTEL

HOUSTON
JANUARY 13-14
DOUBLETREE HOTEL
GUEST NICHELLE NICHOLS
Post Oak Bivd.

MEMPHIS
JANUARY 13-14
AIRPORT HILTON
with MARK LENARD

SACRAMENTO
JANUARY 13-14
EL RANCHO HOTEL
Shows here have been
fantastic:
GUESTS SO FAR: GEORGE
TAKEI (SULU) and RICHARD
ARNOLD (Paramount's Trek
office rep)

TUCSON
JANUARY 20-21
CONVENTION CENTER.
PATRICK STEWART CAPTAIN PICARD IN PERSON!

DALLAS
JANUARY 20-21
RAMADA RENAISSANCE
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CAPTAIN PICARD
IN PERSON!

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JANUARY 20-21
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JANUARY 27-28
Hilton Hotel
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CHARLESTON, S.C. FEB. 3-4 NOTE DATE CHANGE With WALTER KOENIG Marriott

PALO ALTO FEBRUARY 10-11 HYATT RICKEY'S

MANHATTAN
FEBRUARY 24-25
PENTA HOTEL
COMICS, STAR TREK,
BRITISH TV,
MULTIMEDIA

AUSTIN TEXAS FEBRUARY 24-25 With WALTER KOENIG STOUFFERS

SEATTLE MARCH 3-4 STOUFFERS MADISON

MARCH 10-11 SHERATON TARA IN

BEDFORD, NEW HAMP-SHIRE . With NICHELLE NICHOLS

CLEVELAND MARCH 10-11 BOND COURT HOTEL WITH MARK LENARD

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK MARCH 24-25 SHERATON INN WITH GEORGE TAKE

HARTFORD, CT.
MARCH 24-25
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Windsor Locks
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WITH NICHELLE NICHOLS

EDMONTON, CANADA MARCH 31-APRIL 1 COAST TERRACE INN DEARBORN
MARCH 31-APRIL 1
DEARBORN CIVIC CENTER

LAS VEGAS APRIL 7-8 HACIENDA HOTEL

GREEN BAY, WISC APRIL 14-15 EMBASSEY SUITES

PORTLAND MAINE APRIL 21-22 HOLIDAY INN BY THE BAY

> INDIANAPOLIS APRIL 21-22 SHERATON NE

TORONTO APRIL 28-29 SKYLINE HOTEL

PITTSBURGH MAY 5-6 SHERATON STATION SQUARE

NEW HAVEN MAY 5-6 PARK PLAZA HOTEL

LOS ANGELES
MAY 12-13
ANNUAL HORROR SHOW
LAX. HILTON & TOWERS
WITH FANGORIA MAGAZINE

MINNEAPOLIS MAY 19-20 RADDISSON SOUTH

ALBANY, NEW YORK MAY 19-20 THRUWAY HOUSE

TUCSON MAY 19-20 TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER

NASHVILLE MAY 19-20 MUSIC CITY RODEWAY INN

> PORTLAND OREGON MAY 26-27 HILTON HOTEL

CHICAGO MAY 26-27 CONGRESS HOTEL

TACOMA, WASHINGTON STATE MAY 26-27 Sheraton Hotel

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. MAY 26-27 HOLIDAY INN PYRAMID

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CONVENTION!
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JULY 21-22
HOLIDAY INN CENTER OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA JULY 28-29 HOLIDAY INN

> PHILADELPHIA AUGUST 45 HERSHEY HOTEL Annual Philly Event

SYRACUSE AUGUST 11-12 SHERATON INN

NEW YORK CITY AUGUST 25-26 PENTA HOTEL

DEARBORN OCTOBER 13-14 CIVIC CENTER

HONOLULU OCTOBER 13-14 PRINCESS KAIULANI HOTEL

HARTFORD, CT OCTOBER 20-21 HOWARD JOHNSON'S WINDSOR LOCKS

ALBUQUERQUE OCTOBER 27-28 RAMADA CLASSIC

CHICAGO NOVEMBER 3-4 CONGRESS HOTEL

LOS ANGELES NOVEMBER 3-4 LAX HITLON & TOWERS

> SAN ANTONIO NOVEMBER 3-4 THE WYNDHAM

PITTSBURGH (MONROEVILLE) NOVEMBER 17-18 HOWARD JOHNSON'S

BUFFALO, NY NOVMEBER 17-18 RAMADA RENAISSANCE

SACRAMENTO NOVEMBER 17-18 EL RANCHO HOTEL

NEW YORK CITY NOVEMBER 23-25 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SHOW PENTA HOTEL BOSTON DECEMBER 7-8 57 PARK PLAZA HOTEL

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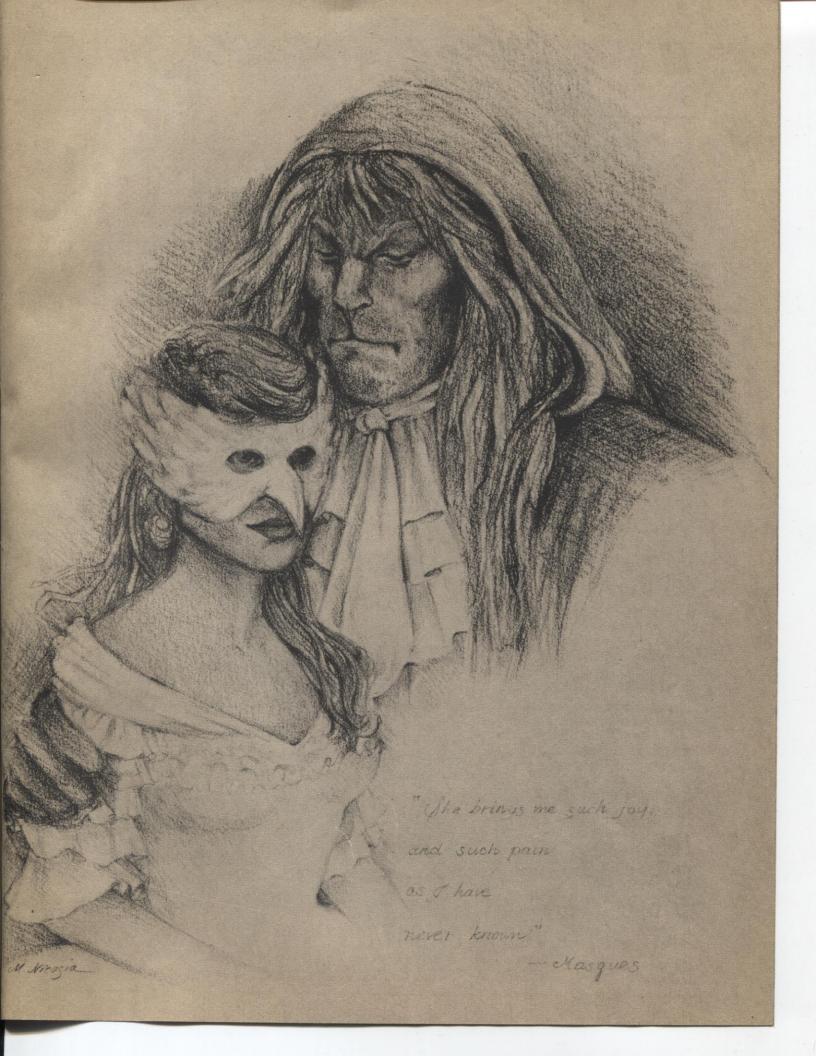
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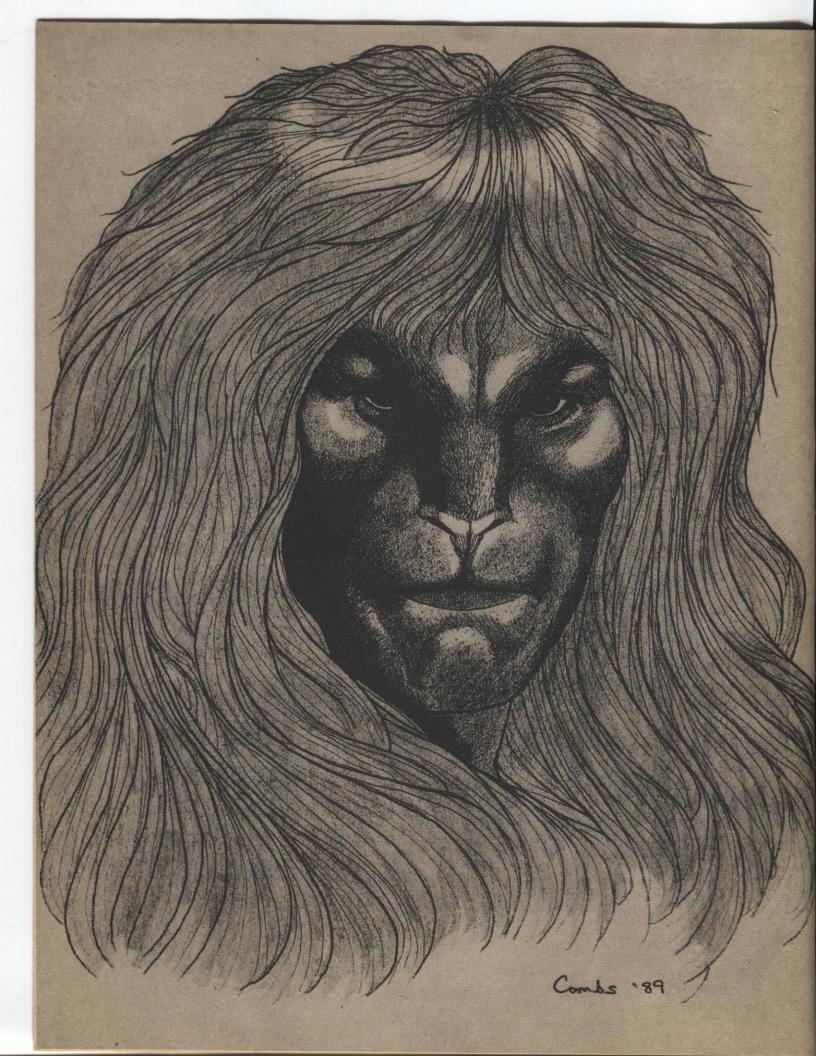
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